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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM TO OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT : Terms of Reference for Coordination of PSB D-23  
REFERENCE : NSC Action No. 900

The following terms of reference for the coordination of PSB D-23 have been approved today by vote slip action.

1. In general, coordination shall be accomplished with a minimum of formality;
2. Primary responsibility for operations arising out of the plan remains with the agencies;
3. Agency arrangements for implementation of Phase I shall be completed not later than November 15;
4. Implementation of agency tasks and their coordination, when necessary, need not await completion of all operational planning; some projects should be started immediately;
5. A working group, chaired by the representative of the Department of State, with an Executive Secretary from the OCB staff, shall be set up to facilitate inter-agency coordination in accordance with Section 2 of the OCB Executive Order;
6. The Chairman and Executive Secretary shall maintain close contact, wherever feasible, with activities within the scope of the paper, and request group consultation as necessary;
7. The working group shall report on implementation to the OCB by February 1, 1954, and thereafter as directed.

Member agencies are accordingly requested to designate their representatives for the working group. The United States Information Agency is also being invited to participate in this group.

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